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In re application of:

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 21, 2002 and the Notice of Appeal mailed November 21, 2002 and received by the USPTO on November 26, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit this Request for Reconsideration and Request for Continued Examination of the above-referenced patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. In addition, Applicants submit concurrently herewith a petition for a five-month extension of time to extend the time for response to on or before June 26, 2003, 2002. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination of the above-referenced patent application in view of the

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amendments and remarks presented herein. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.